

THERE'S TOO MUCH TIME WASTED IN IDLE GOSSIP AT THIS OFFICE!

AND WAY TOO MANY FALSE RUMORS FLOATING AROUND!

THAT'S NOT THE WAY I HEAR IT

BRANNAMAN

I GOT A CALL FROM A HEADHUNTER TODAY, GANG.

"HEADHUNTER?"

ARE YOU SETTING ME UP FOR SOME KIND OF BAD JOKE?

OF COURSE NOT, HILARY.

THIS SOUNDS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE THE TIME YOU TOOK ME ON THAT HUNT FOR THE "POT OF GOLD."

DON'T WORRY, HIL. THIS IS THE ADULT VERSION OF THAT HUNT.

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SPIDER-MAN!

WHAT'S THAT CROOK DOING HERE?

TAKE A BREAK, JAMESON. I'M HERE TO TALK TO ROBBIE.

WHY WOULD I DO ANYTHING YOU SAY, CRAWLER?

BECAUSE THERE MAY BE A FRONT-PAGE STORY IN IT FOR THE BUGLE.

IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE IN THE WASHROOM.

MEN

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Panel 1: A small figure hangs from a vine. Panel 2: A woman in a floral bikini hangs from the vine, screaming. Panel 3: A close-up of her screaming face. Panel 4: She looks down in shock, with a thought bubble saying "JUNGLE GNATS."

TONIGHT I DINED AT A VERY FANCY RESTAURANT, PEEKABOO!

SMIFF SMIFF SMIFF SMIFF

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THIS IS OKAY ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT I REALLY PREFER HOMEMADE BREATH

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IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE BOILED DRAGON, HAGAR...

I JUST NEED A LARGER POT!

Greg Evans

ARE YOU SURE I'M ALLOWED IN THIS ZOO?

OF COURSE. OH, OH. SOME- BODY'S COMING!

QUICK, WE'VE GOT TO HIDE.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID I'M ALLOWED IN THIS ZOO.

NO, I SAID YOU BELONG IN A ZOO.

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IF I HIRED YOU, HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

I USUALLY IGNORE CHAIN LETTERS.

LET'S TRY ANOTHER.

DID YOU FINISH YOUR IN-BASKET?

NO, I'LL NEED A FEW MORE APPLICANTS.

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A black and white cartoon illustration of a woman and a young boy in a clothing store. The woman is holding a dress and looking at it, while the boy stands next to her, looking up at the dress. A shopping bag is on the floor. The illustration is signed 'A. 1983' in the bottom left corner.

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THE
SUMMER
FORECAST

TOMORROW, EXPECT ANOTHER DAY OF 90 DEGREES & SUNSHINE.
...AND FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE CORPORATE WORLD, EXPECT
ANOTHER DAY OF 68 DEGREES & FLUORESCENT.

MURPHY

Actor-director
Melvin Van Peebles is 68.
Singer **Kenny Rogers** is 62. Actor
Clarence Williams
III is 61. Rock 'n' roll
musician **James**
Burton is 61.
Singer **Harold Reid**
(The Statler
Brothers) is 61.
Singer **Jackie**
DeShannon is 56.
Actress **Patty**
McCormack is 55.
TV host **Harry**
Smith is 49. Singer
Glenn Hughes is
48. Rock musician
Joe Strummer (The
Clash) is 48.

OOOHH DARLING, IT'S BEAUTIFUL. YOUR ATM PIN NUMBER.

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A ₁	A ₁	I ₁	I ₁	L ₁	X ₈	B ₃	1st Letter Worth 4	
							RACK 1	
E ₁	O ₁	A ₁	P ₃	R ₁	V ₁	P ₃	Triple Word Score	
							RACK 2	
R ₁	T ₁	U ₁	S ₁	B ₃	D ₃	I ₁		
							RACK 3	
L ₁	W ₃	S ₁	E ₁	L ₁	P ₃	U ₁	4th Letter Triple	
							RACK 4	

PAR SCORE 195-205

by JUDD

**FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN**

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. (Bonus) used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSAH Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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For solution, see Classified.

DECIDUOUS TREES

J T Q N K I F C Z W U R P M J
H E C Z X U S Q N L M J G E C
Z C X V E T R D T E U W P N O
L J H L H R E N U Y L A C A I
Y W P E V T O O N R B P R P H
N P L H S K G M L O E A A I C
A G E C C T K L A K R P N M A
B Z X W U R N A W C R S A L T
R P O M L J I U O I Y I C E S
G E D B A Y G B T H X S E W I
U T S O P O N L K R A L P O P

Saturday's unlisted clue: KNIGHTS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Monday's unlisted clue hint: Under The Spreading — Tree

Almond	Ginkgo	Oak	Poplar
Apple	Hickory	Papaw	Sycamore
Birch	Maple	Pecan	Walnut
Elm	Mulberry	Pistachio	

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For Tuesday, Aug. 22

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Monetary and financial goals are coming into your grasp.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) People will recognize your brilliant renderings, and you will be rewarded for your actions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spilling yourself silly will help you to focus.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Plan to have an after-work rendezvous with someone whose opinion you value.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Emotions and devotions are being tugged, and you're unsure which way to turn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A few flies may be in the ointment for your upcoming travel plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Protect whatever you consider to be your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An impending gray cloud may cover your plans and expectations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Life Lesson: Ego clashes and struggles with authority may knock you down a few notches.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The recognition you've been seeking will finally come through.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Giving a bit of attention to new ideas can have promising results.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You finally have the attention you've been seeking from everyone around you.

By Bobby Wolff

What's your advice regarding leads against small slams? It asks a reader. Against competent opponents one should assume their bidding gives them a reasonable chance to score 11 or 12 tricks. The expectancy for your side is one ace after a Blackwood inquiry reveals an ace is

	NORTH		
♥	K 10 9 8	+21 1	
♦	A 4		
♣	K Q J 8 5		
WEST		EAST	
♠	6	♠	J 2
♥	10 9 8 6 4	♥	7 5 3 2
♦	K 11 2	♦	Q 10 5 3
♣	A J 2	♣	10 9 6

missing. Therefore, the defense must aim to establish a second winner before their ace is gone. In practice, this means a trump lead is not likely to reap any rewards. Almost as bad is a passive lead, intended to give declarer nothing. In to-

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q J 5 3
 ♥ K J
 ♦ J 9 7
 ♣ 7 2

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

The bidding.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ?

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ACROSS

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|---|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 Gather | 37 challenged | 65 since 1440 |
| 6 Talk glowingly about one's children, e.g. | 35 Desserts with crusts | 64 Salan's work |
| 10 Doctrines, informally | 37 Cheapskate | 65 Mortimer who was asked |
| 14 Devastation | 40 Red Cross supplies | "How can you be so stupid?" |
| 15 Prom night transportation | 41 Throat ailment | 66 Method. Abbr. |
| 16 Twirl | 43 Film director Kazan | 67 Depend (on) |
| 17 Say four-letter words | 45 Ely of Tarzan fame | 68 Russian despots |
| 18 Makes choices | 46 The church bells go ____ | DOWN |
| 19 Mrs. Chaplin | 50 It's between Mars and Saturn | 1 Cries at fireworks |
| 20 The rain goes ____ | 53 Military barker | 2 Gaping mouth |
| 23 Feather | 54 20-, 26- or 46-Across, e.g. | 3 Caesar's hello |
| 25 Spray can | 57 "Blue" or "White" river | 4 Get all sudsy |
| 26 The horse goes ____ | 58 Frost | 5 Is frugal |
| 29 Blockhead | 59 Mr. Spock portrayer | 6 Rorschach presentation |
| 30 Kind of wrestling | | 7 Like a yellow banana |
| | | 8 Military vehicle for landing assault troops |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AMFMRADIO FANS
BELIEVING ALIEN
RAINMAKER PERMA
ONTHE REVIEWER
AST DUET ENCASER
DIE INDIANGIVER
TRIALDATE EES
MLIT HEMS
APP VENERATED
CLAIRE DANES RAS
LINEAL TADS ART
AMETHYST AISLE
CELIA AIRSCREEN
KNEEL PETER ARNO
STDS PRETENSES

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66					67			68				

Puzzles by Gene Newman

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 28 Like oxen
pulling a plow | 50 Tommy Lee or
James Earl | 56 Alternative to
Charles de
Gaulle |
| 32 Hook up again | 51 Agreement | 60 "Culpa" starter |
| 33 Pilotless plane | 52 Pullover shirts | 61 Hockey's Bobby |
| 34 Yin's partner | 55 Mop's
companion | 62 QB's gains:
Abbr. |
| 36 Lees | | |
| 38 "Xanadu" rock
group, for short | | |
| 39 Get the suds off | | |
| 42 Sandwich bread | | |
| 44 Anti | | |
| 47 Lower | | |
| 48 Phonograph
needle's place | | |
| 49 Sink outlets | | |
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